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1. SUMMARY - ON MAY 11, 1977 THE LEGATION OF MONACO IN FRANCE WAS RAISED TO THE RANK OF EMBASSY. ON THE SAME DATE, MR JEAN SICURANI WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR OF MONACO TO THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. MINISTER OF STATE IN MONACO HAS CONFIRMED TO THE CONSULATE THAT THE ACTION IS NOT RECIPROCAL, THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL IN MONACO WILL THUS RETAIN ITS PRESENT STATUS. END SUMMARY.

2. BY SOVEREIGN ORDER NO 6051 DATED MAY 24, 1977, THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO IN FRANCE WAS RAISED TO THE RANK OF AN EMBASSY, EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 1977. THE PRESENT MONEGASQUE MINISTER IN PARIS, MR JEAN SICURANI, HAS BEEN NAMED AS THE FIRST AMBASSADOR OF MONACO TO THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. IN ADDITION TO THE PROTOCOL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, THE CHANGE OF STATUS OF THE MONEGASQUE REPRESENTATION IN FRANCE EMPHASIZES THE SPECIAL AND PRIVILEGED CHARACTER OF FRANCO-MONEGASQUE RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MONACO, THE ACTION IS NOT RECIPROCAL AND THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAKL UNCLASSIFIED

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3. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED BY MINISTRY OF STATE RELATING TO NOMINATION OF AN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS.

QUOTE - SINCE 1889 THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION OF H.S.H., THE SOVEREIGN PRINCE OF MONACO, IN PARIS WAS ASSURED BY A

LEGATION. AT THAT TIME, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES WAS REPRESENTED IN FRANCE BY A LEGATION. HOWEVER, MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY EMBASSIES.

ON THE INITIATIVE OF H.S.H., PRINCE RAINIER III, NEGOCIATIONS WERE STARTED BETWEEN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGATION OF MONACO IN FRANCE, TO OBTAIN THE RANK OF EMBASSY. WE LEARNED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REPLIED FAVORABLY TO THE PRINCE'S DESIRE. IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED MAY 11, 1977 BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THE LEGATION OF MONACO IN FRANCE WAS ELEVATED TO THE RANK OF EMBASSY. THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE POST, WHO WAS PROMOTED FROM THE RANK OF ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, IS MR JEAN SICURANI, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO PARIS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1976.

THE PRINCES OF MONACO WERE REPRESENTED ABROAD BY MINISTERS AS EARLY AS 1873, UNDER THE REIGN OF PRINCE CHARLES III. THE LEGATION IN PARIS WAS OPENED ON OCTOBER 1889, BY PRINCE ALBERT I AND THE FIRST MINISTER WAS BARON DU CHARMEL.

THE DECISION TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS CONFIRMS THE PRIMACY OF THE RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO. IT ALSO REINFORCES THE CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND PERMANENT COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS -- ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY, ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL. UNQUOTE.
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